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SUBJECT: PRESS SEES CONGRESSMAN YOUNG'S REMARKS AS FURTHER SOURCE
OF UNCERTAINTY IN US-BRAZIL RELATIONS

1. SUMMARY: COMMENTS OF ANDREW YOUNG, AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO
UN, TO O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO CORRESPONDENT ON POSSIBLE ECONOMIC
SANCTIONS AGAINST BRAZIL HAVE TRIGGERED NEW FRESHET
OF EDITORIAL COMMENT AND INTERPRETATIVE
ARTICLES EXAMINING
PROSPECTS OF DIFFICULT RELATIONSHIP FOR BRAZIL WITH CARTER
ADMINISTRATION. FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES HAVE REPEATEDLY
EXPRESSED DOUBT THAT US WILL APPLY ECONOMIC SANCTION BECAUSE
OF US PRIVATE FIRMS' UNWILLINGNESS TO BECOME TOOLS OF US
POLICY OR BECAUSE US INTERESTS WOULD NOT BE SERVED BY HARMING
MAJOR TRADING PARTNER. O ESTADO DE SAO PAULO WARNED
EDITORIALLY THAT A US READoption OF THE POLICY OF ECONOMIC
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PRESSURES TO GAIN OBJECTIVES WOULD STIMULATE ANTI-AMERICANISM
IN BRAZIL. END SUMMARY.

2. O ESTADO'S REPORT OF YOUNG COMMENTS, WHICH APPEARED
JANUARY 11, PLAYED UP PROSPECTS OF ECONOMIC PRESSURES BY
US AGAINST COUNTRIES THAT ABUSE HUMAN RIGHTS. YOUNG IS
QUOTED AS TELLING WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT MOTTA MELLO

THAT HE HAD HAD A SERIES OF CONTACTS WITH US BUSINESSMEN WHO HAVE FOREIGN INVESTMENTS AND THAT HE HAD OBSERVED "GREAT RECEPTIVITY ON THEIR PART IN COOPERATING IN SOME WAY TO PREVENT CONTINUED VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS." YOUNG IS SUBSEQUENTLY QUOTED AS SAYING "ALTHOUGH I HAVE NOT DECIDED YET WHAT SPECIALLY OUR POLICY WILL BE REGARDING SUCH COUNTRIES AS BRAZIL, SOUTH AFRICA, AND CHILE, I FEEL VERY UNCOMFORTABLE ABOUT THE ORIENTATION OF THE BRAZILIAN GOVERNMENT IN THE AREA OF HUMAN RIGHTS." HE ADDED THAT "MY PREOCCUPATION WITH TORTURES, ARBITRARY ARRESTS AND OTHER HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IS BASICALLY THE SAME AS PRESIDENT CARTER'S."

3. FOLLOW-UP ARTICLE IN O ESTADO OF JANUARY 12 CLAIMED FOREIGN MINISTRY CONTINUES TO SHOW A MIXTURE OF "UNCERTAINTY AND UNEASINESS" OVER THE MEASURES THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION WILL ADOPT TOWARD HUMAN RIGHTS PROBLEM COUNTRIES, AND THAT FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES HAD RECEIVED THE YOUNG COMMENTS WITH A MIXTURE OF "SKEPTICISM AND FEAR." ONE UNNAMED FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESMAN INTERPRETED THE YOUNG STATEMENTS FOR O ESTADO AS MEANING ONLY THAT THE US HAS STILL NOT DECIDED WHAT TO DO. O ESTADO'S REPORT IS ONE SERIES IN RECENT DAYS CLAIMING GROWING CONCERN AND APPREHENSION AMONG FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES OVER POSSIBLE IMPENDING REVERSES IN US-BRAZILIAN RELATIONS BECAUSE OF CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S APPROACH TO SUCH ISSUES OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION.

4. JORNAL DO BRASIL REPORTS FOREIGN MINISTRY SOURCES AS UNCLASSIFIED

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DOUBTING THAT US WOULD APPLY ECONOMIC SANCTIONS, AND AN UNNAMED HIGH-RANKING FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIALS IS CITED AS NOTING "IRONICALLY" THAT YOUNG'S PROPOSAL CONFLICTS WITH THE INTERESTS OF US BUSINESSES, "WHICH DO NOT FOLLOW MORAL PRINCIPLES WHEN DECIDING WHEN AND WHERE TO INVEST." THIS SOURCE ASSERTED THAT AMERICAN ECONOMIC INTERESTS ARE NEVER SUBORDINATE TO THE OFFICIAL APPROVAL OF THE WHITE HOUSE OR STATE DEPARTMENT. RIO'S O GLOBO CLAIMED "DIPLOMATIC ANALYSTS" DOUBT OF US ECONOMIC PRESSURES, SINCE "IT WOULD NOT BE IN THE US INTERESTS TO AGGRAVATE THE ECONOMIC PROBLEMS OF ITS MAIN LATIN AMERICAN TRADING PARTNER, WHICH GIVES THE US A TRADE SURPLUS OF \$1.5 BILLION.

5. IN JANUARY 13 LEAD EDITORIAL, "THE FUTURE OF US-BRAZIL RELATIONS," O ESTADO TAKES NOTE OF THE FAILURE THAT HANGS OVER A FOREIGN POLICY BASED ON "REALISM WITH THE STRONG (THE USSR AND CHINA) AND IDEALISM WITH THE WEAK, (PARTICULARLY LATIN AMERICA)." O ESTADO SEES YOUNG'S COMMENTS AS FURTHER

INCREASING THE FEARS HERE THAT THE CARTER GOVERNMENT, UNDER THE GUISE OF IDEALISM, MAY RETURN TO THE PREVIOUS US POLICY OF USING ECONOMIC PRESSURES TO OBTAIN OBJECTIVES. TO O ESTADO, YOUNG'S COMMENTS BETRAY AN "INTERVENTIONIST MENTALITY," ABOVE ALL IN REVEALING THAT THE US MIGHT USE PRIVATE US BUSINESSES AS ITS POLICY INSTRUMENTS. O ESTADO CONTINUES BY NOTING THAT THE STATEMENTS OF YOUNG ON HUMAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES PARALLEL THOSE OF SECRETARY-DESIGNATE VANCE IN PRINCIPLE, BUT THEY DIVERGE AS TO METHOD, SINCE VANCE'S WOULD SEEM TO LIMIT US MEASURES TO DIPLOMATIC UNDERSTANDINGS, INFLUENCE AND PERSUASION ON BEHALF OF FUNDAMENTAL VALUES. WHICH INTENTIONS ARE THE TRE ONES, O ESTADO ASKS, VANCE'S OR YOUNG'S? IF THOSE OF YOUNG ARE APPLIED, US DIPLOMACY WILL JUSTIFY, IN THE NAME OF HUMAN RIGHTS, THE PRESSURE THAT THE ARABS HAVE APPLIED AGAINST THE WEST OR WHICH KENNEDY AND NIXON USED DIRECTLY OR INDIRECTLY TO BLOCK

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ALLENDE. THIS LINE OF ACTION, O ESTADO FEARED COULD LEAD TO IRREVERSIBLE SITUATIONS IN US RELATIONS WITH BRAZIL, CAUSING THE EMERGENCE OF ANTI-AMERICAN "ISMS" IN BRAZIL. CRIMMINS UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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